



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

The NEW!! Transitional Housing Policy Guidance

is located on the SEMA Website (<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>). Housing Deadline is **December 1, 2005**. Also, see FEMA's story on information and deadlines for Hurricane evacuee procedures in this EMD Bulletin.

BE AWARE!! The last day to send SEMA Requests for Public Assistance are December 1, 2005.

By Alan Prenger

Planning and Disaster Recovery Program Manager

SEMA must receive requests for Public Assistance for Hurricanes Katrina, and Rita response **by December 1, 2005**. Eligible applicants are governmental entities (Counties, Cities, State Agencies, School Districts, etc.). Private - Non - Profit entities that operated sheltering facilities on behalf of governmental agencies (Counties, Cities, etc.) or in response to a mutual aid agreement with a governmental agency may also be eligible applicants.

The Federal Emergency Declaration provides for reimbursement of eligible expenses for Category B for Protective Measures work under the Public Assistance Program. Eligible expenses in this category include: Preparation of sheltering facilities for displaced persons, supplies and commodities for shelters, use of applicant owned equipment, contract costs, other essential services (medical staff for emergency care, public information officers), and cleaning and restoration of the shelter facility.

If your jurisdiction or agency incurred the expenses outlined above and you are interested in applying for Public Assistance under this declaration, please complete the Reception and Sheltering Operations Survey on the SEMA homepage.

The SEMA Disaster Section will contact responding entities with additional information. If your jurisdiction has submitted a Request for Public Assistance we will be contacting them in the near future to continue the disaster assistance processes for this disaster. If they have received the application and not completed it, please do so as soon as possible.

Our telephone numbers are: (573) 526 - 9234, 9203, and 9114. Our Fax number is: (573) 526 - 9193.

Blunt Signs Executive Order Establishing New Standard for Emergency Management

Gov. Matt Blunt signed executive order 05-42 establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as Missouri's new standard for emergency preparedness. NIMS will provide an across the board approach for federal, state and local governments to more effectively and efficiently work together to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents.

Blunt directed all executive departments to immediately incorporate NIMS into their emergency preparedness plans, policies, and procedures. He also directed for all departments to ensure appropriate personnel meet NIMS training standards defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security before Oct. 1, 2006. The departments must report compliance information to the director of the SEMA.

FY2004 Homeland Security Grant Expires November 30, 2005

By Tom Mohr

Homeland Security Program Manager

Recipients of the 2004 Homeland Security City/County, Interoperable Communication, Fire Grants and Citizen Council must forward requests for reimbursement to your grant manager as soon as possible. The **FY2004 grant expires November 30, 2005**. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis pending approval of written documentation that the item(s) was ordered in a timely fashion and delays in delivery are due to the manufacturer. If you have questions, please contact your grant manager.

Note: **FY 03-1 ended on September 30, 2005**. Unless an extension was granted, those sub-awards are closed. **FY 03-2 ended on October 31, 2005**. Unless an extension was granted, those sub-awards are closed. ALL paperwork should be cleared within 45 days of the end of the grant periods.

Biannual Homeland Security Grant Reporting Readiness

By Debbie Rathert

SEMA Homeland Security Grant Staff

SEMA grant staff are preparing for the Biannual Reporting periods. As such, our electronic system will be closed effective December 12, 2005. If you are in dire need of expenses being processed after December 12, 2005 but before the end of the year, work closely with your grant manager. She/he will do their best to assist you. However, there may be limitations to their ability to process the paperwork. In addition, all grant staff will effectively be pulled to this project most of the time from December 12, 2005 through January 13, 2006. Again, we will do our best to assist you, but this is a labor-intensive process that the State is currently taking on for local sub-grantees.

SLGCP Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

By Tom Mohr, SEMA HS Program Manager

The Systems Support Division (SSD) within State & Local Grant CEDAP Program (SLGCP) is launching the next phase of the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) to provide smaller law enforcement and other emergency responder agencies working in task forces with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. Equipment available in this phase includes defensive and protective equipment, detection, search and rescue equipment, information sharing and risk assessment software, and interoperable communications technology. Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from UASI.

Applications for this phase will be received on line at the SLGCP Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), hosted by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT). Applications will be accepted **through January 13, 2006**. The CEDAP on line application is user friendly and easy to complete.

You may go to the SEMA Website to access detailed grant information and access the RKB. Read the CEDAP Briefing Book before you sign into the RKB. Sign into the RKB as a guest, go to "Search the RKB), highlight "Major Programs" and select "Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP]" this will take you to the CEDAP application.

SLGCP will notify successful applicants and schedule them for the required training and delivery conference, which will be held in the spring of 2006. If you have any questions about the CEDAP program the SLGCP Helpline at 1-800-368-6498.

Deputy Director Nichols Begins Series of Meetings on Regionalization

SEMA's Deputy Director Duane R. Nichols will be visiting Area Coordinator Quarterly Meetings to discuss the Regionalization Concept. He is looking for input from emergency management directors, as well as law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and local officials on grant ideas, programs and is available to answer questions about the Regionalization Concept.

Scheduled meetings include November 22 in Trenton (Area H), December 6 in Kirksville (Area B), December 7 in Willow Springs (Area G), and December 28 in Jefferson City (Area F). He will attend meetings in Areas A, C, E and I when requested by Area Coordinators (hopefully in December and January). He met with Area D in October and plans to return with more refined ideas

Is your Fire Department Currently Registered with Division of Fire Safety? By Fire Marshall Randy Cole

As of October 31, 2005 only 121 fire departments filed their annual registration with the Division. This means **785** departments have failed to do so. Currently there are 906 fire departments registered with the Division, each of which is listed on the Division's website. The Division of Fire Safety needs your support in helping us maintain a current fire department listing. Please ensure your department is registered with the Division.

According to state statute RSMo 320.271 "All fire protection districts, fire departments, and all volunteer fire protection associations as defined in Section 320.300 shall file with the state fire marshal within sixty days after August 13, 1988, and annually thereafter, the name and address of the fire protection district, fire department, or volunteer fire protection association". A fire department registration/mutual aid equipment information form can be downloaded from our website: www.dfs.dps.mo.gov. Follow the "fire department info" link and you can verify your department's information by clicking on either the alpha listing of departments or the county listing of departments.

Filing the registration annually ensures DFS has the key information necessary to communicate with departments in a timely manner and serves as a valuable tool in our Mutual Aid System. Additionally, DFS is compiling an email list serve based on addresses received on the new registration forms. This information has become increasingly important, as budget constraints have limited our traditional means of communication. The list serve will be utilized to provide timely announcements, training courses and testing opportunities, current legislative initiatives, and other information that concerns the fire service of Missouri.

SEMA Training Schedule Posted to Homepage

The training schedule is on SEMA's homepage. The link is: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/>. Once you go to this website you can click on the link to view the classes and enroll on line. Remember to check the class schedule often, as classes are frequently added. All SEMA classes are free.

Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page

These Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter Assistance grants in Rounds 11 and 12:

Operations and Safety Grants were awarded to: Essex FD (\$49,761), Cooper County FPD (\$60,000), 11 Point RFA near Willow Springs (\$104,876).

Vehicle Grants were awarded to: Clarksdale FPD (\$171,000).

Upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator Meetings

Area B:	6:30 p.m., December 6, 2005	Days Inn Hotel, Kirksville
Area F:	10 a.m., December 28, 2005	Cole County Courthouse Annex, Jeff City
Area G:	11:30 a.m., December 7, 2005	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs

Statewide Exercise Program Consolidates and Coordinates Efforts

By Terri Durdaller, Communications Director for DPS

A State Exercise Coordination group has been created to develop and implement a statewide coordinated all hazard exercise program to enhance prevention, preparedness, response and recovery capabilities during times of emergency or disaster thereby ensuring the safety of Missouri citizens and vital resources. The State Exercise Coordination Group has set the goal of creating an integrated five-year exercise calendar for all state and local agencies.

Participants in the State Exercise Coordination Group include the Missouri Departments of Corrections; Elementary and Secondary Education; Health and Senior Services; Higher Education; Insurance; Labor and Industrial Relations; Natural Resources; Social Services; Public Safety, including Missouri Capitol Police, Fire Safety, Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, SEMA, and the National Guard, and the Air National Guard. Also participating were the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), and emergency management officials from both Kansas City and St. Louis.

KC's Metropolitan Emergency Manager Push Weather Alert Radios

By the MARC's Metro EM Committee

Project Community Alert is a Kansas City region-wide partnership led by the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC) at Mid-America Regional Commission (MARC). The project plans to distribute 100,000 weather alert radios in the Kansas City eight-county metro area. The MEMC partnered with local Price Chopper stores, and Midland Radio to provide NOAA All Hazard Radios for the reduced price of \$29.95. These radios are available at all participating local Price Choppers. For more information on the Project Community Alert program: <http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/proginfor.htm>.

www.ready.gov Helps Businesses with Disaster Planning

Businesses in Missouri now have a blueprint for dealing with disasters thanks to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready Program (<http://www.ready.gov>). The site provides disaster preparedness information for businesses ranging from employee disaster training, utility disruptions, cyber security, and continuity planning for a disaster. Only 39 percent of the businesses polled by the Ad Council said their company had a disaster plan in place. Other resources available through the Ready Program include a sample emergency plan and supply list that can be easily downloaded from the web site.

Division of Fire Safety Sets Schedule for Training and Certification Audits

By Fire Marshall Randy Cole

The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) is preparing to audit training and certification programs. Members of the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) conduct a peer review audit every five years. The DFS will present 10 certification levels for international accreditation.

The Training and Certification Unit has revised the Certification Policies and Procedures Manual to meet IFSAC practical skills and written testing requirements. Course and Certification prerequisites are also addressed. The manual is distributed to all that attend the Evaluator Course and is also available on our website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov

Listed below is the regional certification-testing schedule for the months of January and February. This schedule is updated often so check our website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov for the most current information

and testing instructions. We will be conducting certification testing for all levels including Hazardous Materials, Fire Fighter I & II and retests. Pre-registration is required for all exams. For more information contact Kim Becker at 573-751-29.

January 14	Region A Testing, Kansas City
January 21	Region F Testing, Jefferson City
January 26	Region C Testing, Washington
January 31	Region D Testing, Joplin
February 7	Region G Testing, West Plains
February 18	Region F Testing, Jefferson City
February 28	Region D Testing, Battlefield

FEMA Sets Hurricane Katrina & Rita Evacuees Information/Deadlines

December 1, 2005, is the deadline for the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) transitional housing program, helping evacuees find more stable, long-term housing is a priority. The following steps will help evacuees living in hotels and motels—or any other temporary housing—with their disaster assistance. These actions will help speed the aid process

* Register with FEMA by calling **1-800-621-3362** or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** for the hearing or speech impaired. The line is open from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EST). It's recommended you call early in the morning or late at night.

* Call the number above to get the status of your case if you have registered and not yet received assistance.

* Fill out and return **all** paper work, including the U.S. Small Business Administration loan application. All applicants must fill out the loan application whether or not they want a loan to be eligible for other forms of assistance.

* Keep your address updated with FEMA and the U.S. Postal Service.

* Check with your insurance company for the status of any claims.

* Call the FEMA housing referral service at **1-800-762-8740** or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** open daily 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (EST) to find housing in the area where you wish to relocate.

Apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance as soon as possible if you cannot find a job and are out of work as a result of either one of the hurricanes. **The deadline is November 30, 2005.**

For displaced **Alabama** workers: **866-234-5382**

For displaced **Louisiana** workers: **800-430-8076** or for questions, **866-783-5567**

For displaced **Mississippi** workers: **888-844-3577**

For displaced **Texas** workers: **800-939-6631**

* **If you do not qualify for FEMA housing assistance**, -- Call the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at **1-800-955-2232** or **1-800-877-8339 (TTY)** for general questions concerning HUD program requirements, or -- Evacuees may call **1-800-866-373-9509** or **1-800-877-8339 (TTY)** for information about HUD's Katrina Disaster Housing Assistance programs.

READERS: Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov